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導き出される答えは一つ

EYES COMICS BLink
「やめてください、好きなんです！」
好評発売中！

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yamete kudasai, koishii desu.

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GOOD MORNING.
SASANO ARRIVES AT SUGIYAMA'S HOME TO CHECK ON HIS HEALTH.
EH?
GOOD MOR...
OH!
YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE.
IT'S OKAY, SASANO.
YOU'RE NOT IN THE WRONG PLACE. THIS IS SUGIYAMA'S HOUSE
LOCATION CHECK.
look
look
AH...
NAMEPLATE CHECK.

HEY, SASANO.
GREAT
FOOD'S READY
CLOSE
...EH?
HIBIYA MADE PANCAKES.
THEY'RE DELICIOUS.
HIBIYA-KUN STAYED THE NIGHT?
YEAH
PANCAKES FOR BREAKFAST?
YEAH
P-
PERHAPS YESTERDAY, THE TWO OF YOU CROSSED THE LINE...
GASP
WRONG.
OH RIGHT

AH, I SEE
HE JUST STAYED OVER.
YES
HIBIYA-KUN, I'M SORRY AND THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!
NICE! GOOD JOB!
TURN
?
IT SEEMS LIKE SUGIYAMA HAS RECOVERED QUITE WELL..
SO THAT'S IT..
I WAS SURPRISED
!
HEY, SUGIYAMA!

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AB
GR
SASANO AND HIBIYA, TOO!
SO, SUGIYAMA.
I'M SUDDENLY WORN-OUT BY YOU.
I HEARD YOU COLLAPSED YESTERDAY
YOU FEELING BETTER ALREADY?
AH, THE USUAL SUGIYAMA-SAN.
EXCELLENT
SO, WHY'D YOU COLLAPSE?
...KURATA'S AMAZING.
SO ENERGETIC..
...YEAH.
LET'S GO
YEAH!!
WE'RE BEING LEFT BEHIND
SHALL WE GO?

ARE WHISPERING ABOUT... THOSE TWO
I WONDER WHAT
GLANCE
SUGIYAMA IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO RAINY WEATHER
HUH?
YESTERDAY IT RAINED HEAVILY, RIGHT? HE REALLY HATES THAT
HE REALLY DOESN'T LIKE TO BE ALONE
I'M REALLY GLAD YOU WERE WITH HIM YESTERDAY, HIBIYA-KUN

IF SUGIYAMA SUGGESTED YOU STAY THE NIGHT
I THINK, PERHAPS, HE HALF-WANTED TO BE SPOILED.
EH?
COME HERE
HEY!
AH
IF HIBIYA-KUN WAS BY HIS SIDE,
I'M SURE HE FELT RELIEVED
OH
WHAT?
UGH
COME ON!
I EXPECT WE'LL NEED A COUPLE OF PEOPLE TO HELP.
WHAT AN INSCRUTABLE EXPRESSION!

HELP?
SMIRK
YOU'RE NECESSARY TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!
WIN
.....
GIVE ME A RESPONSE, AT LEAST!!
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RATTLE
THANK YOU FOR WAITING, ASAKURA-SAN
YES
SIGH

YO!
THANKS FOR COMING FOR THE INTERVIEW!
OH!
HERE HE COMES
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU
APPEARS
"
?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KURATA?
GRIN
SEIJI ?

!?
EH?
TA-DA!
SURPRISE!
WE'RE GOING ON AN ALL-GUYS AFTER SCHOOL DATE!
KURATA.
THIS IS JUST GREAT
WHO WANTED TO DO THIS?
I SUSPECT THAT'S WHAT YOU WISH
BY THE WAY, IT WASN'T MY INTENTION!
GLANCE
THIS IS SO SUDDEN...
WHAT IS, YOU BASTARD?!
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YOU IDIOT...
OF COURSE I THOUGHT OF INVITING HER.
REALLY, KURATA...
LET'S GO NOW!
UNREADABLE...
UMM, WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER, IF YOU'D AT LEAST ASKED SHIMIZU, TOO
THE ONLY GIRL
I HESITATED AND WAS REJECTED WITH A COLD-HEARTED LOOK
IS THAT SO?
SEEMS LIKE IT
REALLY

BUT I EXPECTED THIS, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT.
LET'S MAKE USE OF OUR YOUTH BY PLAYING GAMES!
MEATHEAD
MEATHEAD'S SUGGESTION WAS JUST A TRICK?
THAT
WE CAN STICK WITH THE SAME COUPLES FROM EACH CLASS.
THAT SHOULD BE GOOD, RIGHT?
RIGHT
I REALISED ONCE THE TEAM COMPETITION STARTED
IT BECAME A PUNISHMENT GAME OVER WHO WILL BUY DINNER.
BOWLING + BATTING + PITCHING =
sigh
EVEN HERE
THUMP

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE...
I DIDN'T SAY THAT!
DIDN'T YOU SAY YESTERDAY IT WOULD BE YOUR TREAT?
THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YESTERDAY'S TREAT AND TODAY'S
DURING ELEMENTARY...
EVEN IN SUCH A PLACE
AS THIS...
THAT'S
ONE FROM THE CONTEST
STOP!

I WON THE PRIZE IN THE POSTER CONTEST
I THOUGHT MY MOTHER, WHO ONLY CARED ABOUT MY OLDER BROTHER,
WOULD SURELY BE PLEASED BY THIS
I REALLY BELIEVED THAT
"HOW WILL THAT BE USEFUL IN THE FUTURE?"
I RAN
AND RAN
I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHERE I RAN TO.
AFTER I SHOWED THE POSTER TO MY MOTHER..

...THAT TIME...
...HE SAVED A SCREWED UP PIECE OF PAPER...
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO MANAGED TO ESCAPE
SEIJI.
DID YOU COME OVER HERE TO TRY THE SHOOTING GAME?
IF THAT'S NEXT
...WELL,
IT JUST SEEMED LIKE THE RIGHT TIME FOR A BREAK.
RUSTLE

IF SEIJI'S HERE, I GUESS I SHOULD HEAD BACK NOW.
OH.
CHATTER
WANT TO BE A ZOMBIE? OR A DINOSAUR?
CHATTER
THAT'S QUITE A DIFFERENCE
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UNBE-
LIEVABLE
I'M SO
WORN
OUT...
TIME PASSED
SO QUICKLY
WITH ALL THE
PUNISHMENT
GAMES
IT WAS
INTENSE
FROM THE
BEGINNING
I
ACTUALLY
HAD FUN
IT
WASN'T
ACTUALLY
THAT
BAD
SAME
RESTAURANT,
BUT
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
FROM
WHAT KOGA
USUALLY
GETS.
...I'M
TIRED.
SIGH

THAT GUY ONLY GOES FOR SWEET THINGS.
CLATTER
KOGA-SAN HAS A SWEET TOOTH?
OR ARE YOU EXPECTING ME TO GET IRRITATED THAT WE'RE ALIKE?
CLINK
THAT'S RIGHT.
SIGH
YOU HAD
A PARENT-TEACHER MEETING.

GULP
...IT WASN'T ANYTHING PARTICULARLY NEW.
THEY WANTED TO DISCUSS MY ATTITUDE.
WHETHER IT WAS WORTH LETTING ME COME BACK.
...SINCE BACK THEN ALL THEY'VE CARED ABOUT IS THEIR ELDEST SON'S EXCELLENT GRADES.

YOUR LIFE REALLY IS LIKE A SOAP OPERA.
SERIOUSLY
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY, SEIJI?
YOU REALLY ARE AMAZING.
THAT'S RIGHT.
BECAUSE YOU SPOKE TO ME
EH?

OCCASIONALLY I COULD PRACTISE MY MANNERS EVEN AS AN UNWANTED KID.
REMEMBER?
AT THAT TIME WHEN RUMOURS WERE SPREADING ABOUT ME.
THUMP
I THINK MY GUARDIAN COULDN'T UNDERSTAND A CHILD'S SIDE OF THINGS
THUMP
FROM THE START, I WAS AWARE OF ALL THE RUMOURS,
AND I WAS LEFT ALONE FOR A LONG TIME
I WAS JUST A LITTLE BRAT WITH BAD MANNERS.

A MORE SERIOUS PERSON WOULD BE WORN OUT BY NOW.
SEIJI, THAT...
AREN'T YOU THE GUY WHO ALWAYS HAS A JOKE READY?
HUH?
I WAS LIKE A SOLITARY ISLAND.
THEN YOU SPECIFICALLY ASKED TO BE MY FRIEND.
AND NOW AN AWKWARD PAUSE.
SINCE THEN...
ALL ALONG,
SEIJI,
I WAS

EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK YOUR ATTITUDE WAS PERFECT.
YOU ALWAYS LOOKED CONTENT TO BE LEFT ALONE.
I WAS INTERESTED IN SEIJI.
YOUR APPEARANCE...
YOU WERE ALWAYS SO UNAFFECTED BY THE GOSSIP.
THE WHOLE TIME
I WAS ENVIOUS.
WRONG.
DID YOU APPROACH ME BECAUSE YOU FOUND OUT
THAT RUMOUR ABOUT ME WAS TRUE?
BECAUSE MY CIRCUMSTANCES WERE MORE PITIFUL THAN YOUR OWN?

DESPITE THE FACT THAT YOU SAID WE WERE ALIKE AND THAT WE WERE FRIENDS
I DIDN'T SEE THAT AS SOMETHING GOOD.
IT'S EASY TO UNDER-STAND
IF YOU CONSIDER IT
IT DION'T SEEM THAT HARMLESS
TO BE LEFT ALONE
SLURP
HUH.
LEFT ALONE...
CLINK
HONESTLY
YOU WERE USING ME
IN ORDER TO FEEL BETTER ABOUT YOURSELF
ANYWAY, I EXPECT IT'S OK, RIGHT?

EH?
WHAT NOW?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
THAT MORE OR LESS CONFIRMS IT.
OH. .

IT'S GOOD THAT YOU'VE STOPPED NOW.
HUH?

THESE DAYS
YOU SEEM TO BE FINDING FAULT WITH ME
I WAS WONDERING WHY...

IT'S ENOUGH.
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I LEARNED FROM THE BEST.
SOMETIMES IT PAYS TO BE A STRAIGHT-FORWARD IDIOT.

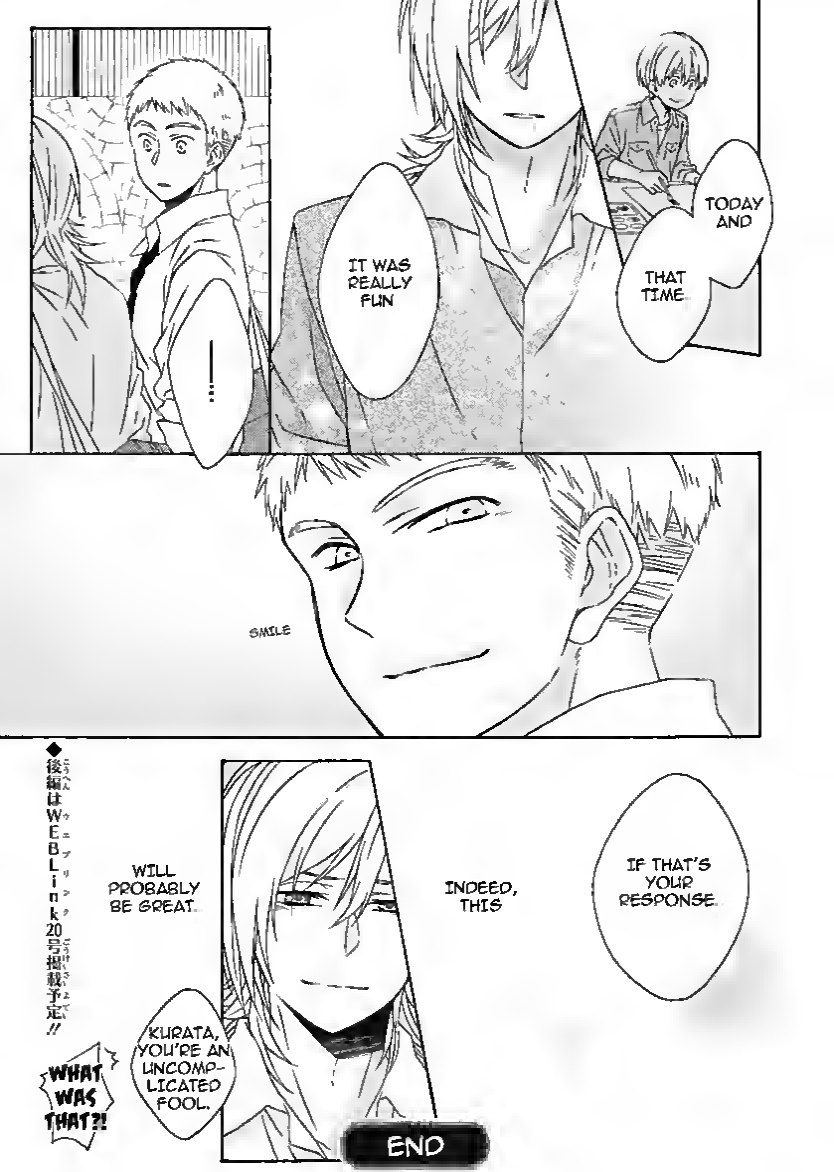
AREN'T YOU WELL AWARE OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES, KURATA-SAN
HUH?!
THIS IS GRAVE...!!
TREMBLE
ALRIGHT, KURATA!
YOU STILL HAVE A TEST COMING UP
HEY, SUGIYAMA-SAN!
AM I THE IDIOT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?!
TSU-TSUMI-SAN
UM... SORRY
DAMN IT.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
IT'S FINE
I WAS PLANNING TO LEAVE NOW, ANYWAY
WHAT ARE YOU APOLOGISING FOR?
AH...

!
OH
YOU GUYS DON'T SEEM TO BE DISHONEST,
SO IT'S OKAY.
IS IT REALLY OKAY?
STOP CLINGING, KURATA, YOU'RE TOO HOT!
EH?!
WHAT THE HELL?!
YOU OBLIVIOUS SON OF A BITCH!
W-
?
THAT'S IT, I'M GOING!
KEEP THE NOISE DOWN
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?!
BICKER
BICKER
YEAH
EVERY-THING SEEM'S GOOD NOW
EXCUSE ME SIR COULD YOU PLEASE KEEP THE NOISE DOWN
I'M VERY SORRY!
AAHH

I AM WORN OUT!
WHOSE FAULT IS THAT?
WHO COULDN'T KEEP
CALM?
I'M GONNA GET THERE FIRST!
NO FAIR!
SO LIVELY
YOU REMEMBER
THE POSTER CONTEST IN THIRD GRADE
TO WIN A PRIZE?
YOU ARE UNBELIE-VABLE!
MY PARENTS TOLD ME IT WAS MEANINGLESS
I HAD TO FOCUS ON MY STUDIES
...
I DON'T GET IT
HEH
YOU.

..EVEN IF I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT COMPLETELY
I KNOW THAT YOU'RE MY FRIEND
IT WAS FUN TODAY, RIGHT?
WHAT
IS YOUR FAMILY SITUATION?
YEAH?
I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND IT AT ALL, BUT...
"SOMETIMES IT PAYS TO BE A STRAIGHTFORWARD IDIOT."
"I LEARNED FROM THE BEST."
SO...
THIS IS A STRAIGHT-FORWARD IDIOT.
INSULTING ME OUT OF NOWHERE?!
NO, NOT AT ALL!
I'M PRAISING YOU.
..THAT DAY.

HE SAID TO ME
WASTEFUL
SEIJI FOUND THAT BIG, CRUMPLED UP DRAWING.
I COMPLETELY FORGOT
I THINK THAT THIS IS IMPORTANT.
SO STERNLY.
ROLL
ROLL
WHEN YOU WERE DRAWING THIS
YOU REALLY LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE HAPPY.
AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED, IT WASN'T IMPORTANT
IT WAS FUN.
EH?



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